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SUBJECT: SAUDI AID TO UPPER VOLTA

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 2464

1. AL-RACHACH TELLS US HE HAS NOW OBTAINED ALL
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FROM GOUV, THAT HE HAS
COMPLETED TRANSLATION INTO ARABIC, AND THAT HE
PLANNING SUBMISSION THIS WEEK TO JIDDA FOR
"POLITICAL" APPROVAL. ONCE APPROVAL ACCORDED,
ABOUT WHICH AL-RACHACH SEEMS OPTIMISTIC, VOLTAN
TECHNICAL DELEGATION WILL BE CALLED TO JIDDA FOR
ELABORATION OF NEXT STEPS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
FADA ROAD, FOR WHICH WE HAVE AL-RACHACH COPY OF US
FEASIBILITY STUDY, PROJECT DOCUMENTATION SO FAR
CONSISTS OF BRIEF NARRATIVE DOCUMENTS AND FORMAL
GOUV REQUEST FOR SAG ASSISTANCE.

2. THREE PROJECTS ARE ON TABLE--FADA ROAD,
OUAGADOUGOU-TAMBAO MINE RAILROAD COMPLEX, AND
CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH FACILITIES. PROJECT FOR
SUGAR MILL CONSIDERED PREVIOUSLY HAS APPARENTLY
FOUND PRIVATE FINANCING. FAMBEO RAILROAD AND MINE
BEING CONSIDERED AS ONE PROJECT ALTHOUGH FINANCING OF
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MINE AND RAILROAD ARE BROKEN OUT INTO SEPARATE ITEMS.

3. RE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES, AL-RACHACH FIGURES
GIVE 2 BILLION CFA AS TOTAL COST; SAG WOULD FINANCE
HALF (1 BILLION CFA).

4. VOLTAN PORTION OF FADA-NIAMEY ROAD CARRIED AT
6.6 BILLION CFA; AGAIN, SAUDIS WOULD FURNISH HALF
(3.3 BILLION CFA).

5. OUAGADOUGOU-TAMBOA RAILROAD PROJECT ESTIMATED AT
28.7 BILLION CFA. SAUDIS ARE CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTION
OF 4.5 BILLION CFA. ACCORDING TO AL-RACHACH, OTHER
DONORS LINE UP AS FOLLOWS (IN BILLIONS CFA):

FRG	3.3
FRANCE	5.2
JAPAN	3.4
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT	
BANK	2.8
ARAB BANK FOR DEVEL-	
OPMENT	2.2
FED	4.0
QATAR FUND	3.15

6. ON TAMBAO MINE, AL-RACHACH SAYS VOLTAN SHARE
OF CAPITALIZATION IS DOLLARS RPT DOLLARS 7.83 MILLIONS.
SAG WOULD PROVIDE DOLS 3.58 MILLION OF THIS TOTAL OR
CFA 842 MILLIONS. DAVISON

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